

**Indiana State Department of Health
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Medical Radiology Services Program**

**Licensing Process for
Nuclear Medicine Technologists and Radiation Therapists**

ISDH HCRS Program Advisory Letter

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Purpose

The purpose of this program advisory letter is to inform radiology educational programs, students enrolled in those programs, and those with appropriate training and experience, about the procedures for obtaining a nuclear medicine technologist and radiation therapist license pursuant to 410 Indiana Administrative Code [IAC] 5.2.

Background Information

On September 20, 2006, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Executive Board adopted a revision to radiology licensing rules. The rule promulgation process was subsequently completed and the final rule became effective December 27, 2006. The final rule is codified at 410 Indiana Administrative Code [IAC] 5.2 and has been published in the Indiana Register.

Under the provisions of the new radiology licensing rule, individuals performing nuclear medicine or radiation therapy procedures must be licensed. This is the first time that these individuals have been required to be licensed. The license is issued by the ISDH. The ISDH has set July 1, 2007 as the deadline for obtaining a license. As of July 1, 2007, any individual performing a radiation therapy or nuclear medicine procedure must be licensed prior to performing a procedure.

Grandfathering of Individuals Currently Performing as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist or a Radiation Therapist

The grandfathering process does not apply to Nuclear Medicine Technologists or Radiation Therapists who are registered with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or the Nuclear Medicine Technologist Certification Board (NMTCB).

For information on Grandfathering see ISDH HCRS Program Advisory Letter Number: MRS-2006-03. This advisory letter is available on the ISDH Medical Radiology Services Program homepage found at www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/radhealth/welcome.htm.

Application and Approval Procedure for Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Therapy Licenses

The following are the steps for obtaining a nuclear medicine technologist license:

1. Complete a nuclear medicine technologist training program approved by the ISDH.
2. Be currently certified and registered in nuclear medicine technology by the ARRT or the NMTCB.
3. Submit an *Application for a Radiology License or Permit* [State Form 27068] to the ISDH. There is a \$60 fee that must accompany the *Application*. A supply of application forms will be provided to ISDH-approved educational programs. The *Application for a Radiology License or Permit* may be downloaded from the forms link found on the ISDH Web homepage (<http://www.in.gov/isdh>) or from the ISDH Medical Radiology Services Program homepage at www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/radhealth/welcome.htm. An application may also be requested by sending an email to radiology@isdh.in.gov or by calling 317-233-7565.

[Note on Online Applications: At the present time, applications are submitted via a hard-copy of the application form. The ability to submit applications online is not available as of March 2007. The ISDH is developing an online application that will allow individuals to submit an application online.]

4. The ISDH will process the *Application*. Once the *Application* is approved, the applicant will receive the license in the mail. Verification of license status may be found online via the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency's *My License* system. The *My License* system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at <https://extranet.in.gov/WebLookup/Search.aspx>.

The following are the steps for obtaining a radiation therapist license:

1. Complete a radiation therapy training program approved by the ISDH.
2. Be currently certified and registered in radiation therapy by the ARRT.
3. Submit an *Application for a Radiology License or Permit* [State Form 27068] to the ISDH. There is a \$60 fee that must accompany the *Application*. A supply of application forms will be provided to ISDH-approved educational programs. The *Application for a Radiology License or Permit* may be downloaded from the forms

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Fee For Two Licenses

If an applicant for a Nuclear Medicine Technologist or Radiation Therapist License is also licensed as a Radiologic Technologist and wishes to maintain that license only one \$60 fee is required for both licenses. The expiration date of the two licenses will be synchronized so that each license expires at the same time. In order to prevent being charged a second \$60 fee, if renewing through the online system, renew one license and contact the ISDH by phone or e-mail as indicated above, and the ISDH will renew your other license. If you are not using the online system, submit only \$60 with your hard-copy renewal form(s).

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